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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2012

AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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## (A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

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## WADE J BOWDEN & COMPANY, CPAS, P.C.

#### CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members LB Group LLC:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of LB Group LLC, (the Company) as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of income, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the year then ended that are filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility** 

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of LB Group LLC as of December 31, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The information contained in Schedule I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information in Schedule I has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information in Schedule I is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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February 22, 2013

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2012

### **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS: Cash Accounts receivable Prepaid rent	\$ 389,704 7,500 1,000
Total current assets	398,204
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT  Less accumulated depreciation	10,229 (8,393)
Furniture and equipment - net	1,836
TOTAL	\$ 400,040

### **LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

CURRENT LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued expenses  Payroll payable	\$ 9,391 31,281
TOTAL	40,672
MEMBERS' EQUITY	359,368
TOTAL	\$ 400,040

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#### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

FEE REVENUE	\$ 395,000
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Payroll	223,242
Rent	26,600
Intern	26,000
Regulatory fees	20,983
Legal and professional fees	17,096
Travel	13,433
Dues and subscriptions	9,458
Automobile	8,746
Computer and technology	7,837
Meals and entertainment	6,387
Office	5,585
Business development	3,327
Telephone	1,745
Taxes and licenses	1,667
Depreciation	1,462
Insurance	1,306
Bank service charges	406
Charitable contributions and gifts	368
Interest	320
Postage and delivery	278
Total expenses	376,246
NET INCOME	\$ 18,754

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

MEMBERS' EQUITY, JANUARY 1	\$ 340,614
Net income	18,754
MEMBERS' EQUITY, DECEMBER 31	\$ 359,368

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#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net income	\$ 18,754
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	
provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	1,462
Decrease in accounts receivable	262,500
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,354
Increase in payroll payable	31,281
Decrease in commissions payable	(92,500)
Net cash provided by operating activities	226,851
NET INCREASE IN CASH	226,851
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	162,853
CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$ 389,704

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

LB Group LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company received its approval for membership on April 9, 2010. The Company is an independent, private equity placement and advisory firm focused on fund formation and marketing for highly differentiated, alternative institutional investment managers. With an over 20 year history of presenting compelling strategies to a well-diversified institutional investor base, the firm's professionals have raised commitments from institutional investors worldwide.

Since the Company is a limited liability company, the member is not liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, unless the member has signed a specific guarantee.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Accounting

The Company maintains its books and records on the accrual basis of accounting for financial reporting purposes, which is in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and is required by the SEC and FINRA.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company defines cash equivalents as highly liquid investments with original maturity dates of less than ninety days that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenues from services are recognized from transactions whey the equity placement or other services closes. Non-refundable retainers are recognized as revenue in accordance with the terms of the contract and are applied against transaction fees upon closing, if applicable.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Assets lives are three years for office automation equipment. The Company follows the policy of capitalizing all major additions, renewals and betterments. Minor replacements, maintenance, and repairs are expensed currently.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is a limited liability company taxed as a partnership for income tax reporting purposes and as such, is not subject to income tax. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is provided in the financial statements.

#### Advertising Costs

Advertising costs, if any, are charged to expenses as incurred.

#### Subsequent Events

The Company evaluates events occurring after the date of the statement of financial condition for potential recognition or disclosure in its financial statements. The Company did not identify any material subsequent events requiring adjustment to or disclosure in its financial statements.

#### 3. CONCENTRATIONS

The Company earned \$300,000 (76% of total revenue) from one customer for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The Company maintains its cash accounts at one commercial bank in amounts that, at times, may exceed the federal insurance limit.

#### 4. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). At December 31, 2012, the Company had net capital of \$349,032 which was \$344,032 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 11.65%.

## 5. COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15C3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

The Company qualifies under the exemption provisions of Rule 15c3-3, paragraph (k)(2)(i), as the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities. Under this exemption, the Company is not required to maintain a reserve account for the benefit of customers.

## 6. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Security Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i) of the rule. The Company did not maintain possession or control of any customer funds or securities.

#### 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has evaluated commitments and contingencies in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 450, Contingencies (ASC 450) and Accounting Standards Codification 440, Commitments (ASC 440). Management has determined that no significant commitments or contingencies exist as of December 31, 2012.

#### 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Company is involved in a dispute with a customer over fees earned. The parties are likely headed to mediation or arbitration, however, no date has been set nor has a potential settlement amount been proposed.

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# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

	SCHEE	ULE 1
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY QUALIFIED FOR NET CAPITAL	\$	359,368
DEDUCTIONS AND/OR CHARGES: Non-allowable assets:		
Accounts receivable		(7,500)
Property and equipment-net		(1,836)
Prepaid rent	<u> </u>	(1,000)
NET CAPITAL	\$	349,032
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS -		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		9,391
Payroll payable		31,281
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$	40,672
COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT -		
Minimum net capital required	\$	5,000
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Excess net capital		344,032
Excess net capital at 1,000 percent		343,032
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		11.65%
RECONCILIATION WITH THE COMPANY'S COMPUTATION IN PART II OF FORM X-17A-5 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012)	(INCLUDED	
Net capital, as reported in the Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS report	\$	349,113
Audit adjustments: Decrease in non-allowable property and equipment - net		1,462
due to depreciation adjustment  Decrease in member's equity due depreciation adjustment		(1,462)
Difference in owners equity qualified for Net Capital - cause		
unknown		(81)
Net Capital as reported in the preceding calculation	\$	349,032

## WADE J BOWDEN & COMPANY CPAS P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

#### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

#### **REQUIRED BY**

SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) RULE 17A-5 FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM (SEC) RULE 15C3-3

To the Members LB Group LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplementary schedule of LB Group LLC (the "Company"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weakness as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate as of December 31, 2012 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of the Company to achieve all the division of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal accounting control, and that alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Members, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers and is not intended to be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Wade bowden & Company Athens, Georgia

February 22, 2013